# Afterlab – Spanos Discussion – Friday, June 24th

### Background on the Negative Argument

#### Who is William V. Spanos ?...

#### What is some relevant background on Professor Spanos ?...

#### What are some major themes in Professor Spanos’ academic work ?...

#### I want to talk about four especially confusing concepts found in Spanos K’s

#### What are some major themes in his critiques of college debate ?...

Some can be found in these citations:

Jeanette McVicker, professor of English at SUNY Fredonia, “In the Neighborhood of Zero: Ontology and Pedagogy,” boundary 2 42:1 (2015), 14

### Some Affirmative Ideas

#### Maybe Spanos is so critical of “benign reformism” that he just cements “anti-reforms”

#### Really quick to call things genocidal.

#### Doesn’t apply to the topic… or China.

#### The K of problem-solution…has problems of its own.

#### Links to US-Sino relations good

#### No social science at all.

#### Thoughts of Spanos’ K of debate: